

1 A Yes.

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2 Q On or about May 20th?

3 A I believe the 19th.

4 Q When did you actually speak with Krista  
5 Snyder?

6 A Time frame?

7 Q May 19th to the 20th.

8 A The 20th.

9 Q Did you tell Donna Jurdak that you felt  
10 threatened in the interview?

11 A I don't believe so.

12 Q Did you tell her that you felt coerced?

13 A I don't believe so.

14 Q Did you tell her that you wanted to  
15 complain about the way in which you were treated  
16 by Brian Dacey and Sonya Aleman during this  
17 interview?

18 A No.

19 Q Did you feel that you had a basis to  
20 complain about the manner in which you had been  
21 treated?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And did you in fact make such a  
24 complaint?

1 A Yes.

2 Q To whom?

3 A The F.B.I.

4 Q Did you report to the superintendent of  
5 the House of Correction that you felt that you had  
6 been intimidated or threatened or that you were  
7 complaining about the treatment at the hands of  
8 Brian Dacey and Sonya Aleman?

9 A I did not.

10 Q Did you report to the head of SID that  
11 you felt you had been treated poorly at the hands  
12 of Brian Dacey or Sonya Aleman?

13 A I did not.

14 Q Did you speak with anyone within  
15 correctional Medical Services to complain about  
16 the way in which you were treated?

17 A I did not.

18 Q When did you call the F.B.I. after the  
19 meeting that you had with Brian Dacey and Sonya  
20 Aleman on May 28, 2003?

21 MR. SAVAGE: Objection.

22 A When what?

23 Q Did you call the F.B.I. after your  
24 meeting with Brian Dacey and Sonya Aleman on

1 May 28th?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q When did you do that?

4 A At the end of my shift.

5 Q And when would that have been?

6 A 3:30, 4:00.

7 Q And whom did you speak with?

8 A Krista Snyder.

9 Q Was that in person or on the phone?

10 A Phone.

11 Q What did you tell her?

12 A I told her about the conversation.

13 Q What did you tell her about the  
14 conversation?

15 A I told her I thought I had been set up  
16 to give out information, and I wasn't sure why  
17 they were asking for that information, and that  
18 they used her name, and that I was nervous about  
19 what the consequences were going to be.

20 Q Did you tell her who you felt set up by?

21 A I believe I used the generic SID.

22 Q What other information did you  
23 communicate to Krista Snyder during that telephone  
24 conversation about your meeting on the 28th?

1 facility; therefore, CMS, in addition, fired me;  
2 and I believe in effect the Sheriff's Department  
3 fired me.

4 Q You were employed by the Correctional  
5 Medical Services, correct?

6 MR. SAVAGE: Objection. These were  
7 the first questions on the first day.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Is it your claim that Sheriff Cabral  
10 interfered with your employment relationship with  
11 CMS?

12 A I don't have the complaint in front of  
13 me, but yes.

14 Q And how did they do that specifically --  
15 how did she do that specifically?

16 A Repeat your question, please.

17 Q How is it specifically that Sheriff  
18 Cabral interfered with your employment  
19 relationship with Correctional Medical Services?

20 A She barred me from the facility,  
21 preventing me from doing my work.

22 Q Did you notify the F.B.I. that you were  
23 barred from the House of Correction?

24 A I certainly did.

1 Q When did you do that, Mrs. Porter?

2 A At about 6:15 when I was leaving the  
3 facility.

4 Q Your meeting with Mary Ellen Mastrorilli  
5 occurred at what time?

6 A Before 3:00.

7 Q Were you escorted out of the building or  
8 were you allowed to finish your shift and gather  
9 your belongings?

10 MR. SAVAGE: Objection.

11 A I was allowed to gather my belongings.

12 Q So what time did you actually leave the  
13 facility, if you recall?

14 A Approximately 6:00 p.m.

15 Q Who did you call?

16 A Krista Snyder.

17 Q Did you speak with her?

18 A I did.

19 Q Was that on the phone or in person?

20 A On the phone.

21 Q What did you communicate with her during  
22 this telephone conversation?

23 A That I was barred from the facility.

24 Q Did you tell them why or tell her why,

1 rather?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What did you say to her?

4 A For speaking with an outside agency.

5 Q Did you say anything else to her?

6 A I said a lot to her, and I couldn't tell  
7 you exactly what it was right now.

8 Q How long did the conversation last?

9 A About -- probably about five minutes,  
10 five to ten minutes.

11 Q Other than communicating to her that you  
12 had been barred to the facility for speaking with  
13 an outside agency, what else can you recall about  
14 what you spoke to her about -- what you told her,  
15 rather?

16 A It was about -- about that. That's -- I  
17 just remember speaking about that. She said she  
18 would get back to me.

19 Q Did you ask her to do anything?

20 A No.

21 Q When she said she was going to get back  
22 to you, what did she say to you?

23 A She said she would get back to me.

24 Q Did she tell you what she would get back

1 to you about?

2 A I had just given her the information  
3 that I was barred for speaking with an outside  
4 agency. The outside agency I spoke with was the  
5 F.B.I., and she was going to talk to someone, I'm  
6 not sure what, and help me to proceed with  
7 whatever I was going to do next.

8 Q Did she get back to you?

9 A Yes.

10 Q When?

11 A That night, after I got home.

12 Q Was it a phone conversation or in  
13 person?

14 A Phone.

15 Q What did she say to you; what did you  
16 say to her?

17 A She asked me to repeat what had been  
18 said to me in the meeting, and she told me that --  
19 or she asked me if I could come in in the morning  
20 to a meeting.

21 Q Anything else that was said between the  
22 two of you on that phone conversation?

23 A It's a blur.

24 Q What meeting did she ask you to attend

1 in the morning?

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2 A I went to a meeting at the Justice  
3 Department and --

4 Q Where was it located?

5 A At the courthouse, the federal  
6 courthouse.

7 Q The Moakley Courthouse?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Who did you go there with, who did you  
10 travel to the courthouse with?

11 A I met Krista and -- Krista Snyder and  
12 Maureen Robinson at the courthouse.

13 Q You drove there by yourself?

14 A Yes.

15 Q After you met Krista Snyder and Maureen  
16 Robinson at the courthouse, where did you go?

17 A Inside.

18 Q To where?

19 A I think the 6th floor, but I'm not sure.  
20 It's a maize, and I'm not really sure, but I think  
21 the 6th floor, a conference room similar to this.

22 Q Who did you meet with?

23 A Steve Huggard, Maureen, Krista, I think  
24 three other -- two or three other people, and the

1 MS. CAULO: No.

2 Q How long did the meeting last,

3 Mrs. Porter, with the U.S. Attorneys Office?

4 A I think about an hour.

5 Q This is on June 11th?

6 A Yes. Perhaps longer, but at least an  
7 hour.

8 Q At the close of the meeting was there a  
9 course of action that was suggested?

10 A I believe they suggested that I have an  
11 attorney.

12 Q Did they suggest who you should have as  
13 an attorney?

14 A No.

15 Q Why did they suggest you needed an  
16 attorney?

17 A I felt that I was illegally barred, and  
18 the agents that I had been working with felt that  
19 I was illegally barred, and I thought that in that  
20 case I best have an attorney to represent me.

21 Q What advice did they provide you?

22 A To find an employment attorney.

23 Q Did they indicate that they were going  
24 to take some action separately from their advice

1 A Excuse me?

2 Q were you aware where your personnel file  
3 was kept?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Where was that?

6 A At the House of Correction.

7 MR. SAVAGE: Objection. We covered  
8 this the last time.

9 MS. CAULO: I don't think we did.

10 Q It's your testimony that you did not  
11 accompany Maureen Robinson to the House of  
12 Correction on June 11, 2003?

13 A Definitely not.

14 Q Did you speak with her about -- did she  
15 ever communicate with you about what occurred when  
16 she went there?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And what was that conversation?

19 A That when she got there, she was kept  
20 waiting for a while, and that she asked to see  
21 Donna Jurdak, and Donna was in a meeting, and then  
22 Donna came out and spoke to her.

23 Q Did she tell you what information was  
24 communicated between she and Donna Jurdak at that



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Re: Sheila Porter v. Andrea Cabral, et al., Civ. A. No.: 04-11935-DPW –  
Information Request of April 29, 2005 and June 10, 2005 Subpoenas to Special  
Agents Maureen Robinson and Christa Snyder

Dear Attorney Caulo,

I am writing to inform you that, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.21, *et seq.*, I have decided not to authorize the testimony or production of documents from Special Agents Maureen Robinson and Christa Snyder of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), or the production of documents from the FBI, which you have requested on behalf of the defendants, Andrea Cabral, *et al.*, in the above-captioned matter.

Specifically, your letter of April 29, 2005, requests any and all information related to the placing of a wire or recording device on Suffolk County House of Correction (HOC) inmate Rene Rosario, in or about November 2002 while he was incarcerated at the HOC. Your request further seeks any and all information regarding the cooperation of and information received from Sheila Porter, R.N., a former contract nurse working at the HOC, regarding inmate Rene Rosario and the HOC. Similarly, your subsequent subpoenas of June 10, 2005, request that FBI Special Agents Maureen Robinson and Christa Snyder provide of any and all information and documents in the possession of the FBI relating to [Ms. Porter's] cooperation with the FBI including but not limited to her communications with the FBI regarding allegations made by inmate Rene Rosario in or about May 2003, her status as an

informant for the FBI, the information she has provided to the FBI from 1999 to date, and her involvement in the placing of a recording device on inmate Rene Rosario in or about November 2002.

In response to a similar request from Ms. Porter's counsel, I have previously authorized the execution of an affidavit from Special Agent Christa Snyder confirming Ms. Porter's status as an informant concerning events at the HOC. Special Agent Snyder has also been authorized to provide trial testimony, if necessary, within the confines of the affidavit. It is my understanding that you have obtained a copy of this affidavit.

I am denying your request with respect to all information relating to Ms. Porter's communications with the FBI and interactions with any inmates. I am also denying authorization to Special Agents Maureen Robinson and Christa Snyder to provide any such information through deposition testimony or any other means. Release of this information would reveal confidential sources and investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, and would interfere with enforcement proceedings or disclose investigative techniques and procedures the effectiveness of which would thereby be impaired. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.26(b)(4) and (5).

Further, while your request and subpoenas are specific in some respects, they are otherwise too broad and lack any explanation of relevance to the proceeding ("Any and all information. . ." ". . . the information she has provided to the FBI from 1999 to date. . ."). See 28 C.F.R. § 16.22(d). In addition to being too broad, compliance with the request and subpoenas would subject the FBI to undue burden, as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c)(3)(A)(iv). The FBI and its Special Agents are involved in the supervision, investigation, and prosecution of thousands of criminal matters, and the potential cumulative burden to the FBI and the Department of Justice of complying with the request for testimony and documents in this case and with like requests in other cases would result in a significant and unacceptable diversion of essential resources.

Accordingly, I will not authorize the FBI to produce information relating to Ms. Porter's communications with the FBI and interactions with any inmates as summarized in your request, or the production of information through testimony or other means by Special Agents Maureen Robinson or Christa Snyder.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Sullivan  
United States Attorney

cc: Frank Davis - FBI  
Damon Katz - FBI  
Maureen Robinson - FBI  
Christa Snyder - FBI

1 Q Did you speak with the F.B.I. concerning  
2 your interview with the Boston Globe?

3 A I think I did.

4 Q You spoke with the F.B.I. prior to  
5 conducting the interview?

6 A I think so.

7 Q Did you speak with them about what you  
8 were going to talk about in the interview?

9 A I believe it was -- from the F.B.I.  
10 point of view and for safety sake, I think I just  
11 asked what I could say and what I couldn't say.

12 Q And who was that with, that  
13 conversation, if you recall?

14 A It would have been either Krista or  
15 Maureen, probably Krista.

16 Q Prior to conducting the interview, did  
17 you speak with anybody from the United States  
18 Attorneys Office?

19 A No.

20 Q Where was the interview conducted,  
21 Mrs. Porter?

22 A I was at home on my telephone.

23 Q It was a phone interview?

24 A Yes.